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1. RICHMOND VISIT RESOLVED SEVERAL MAJOR AND MINOR PROBLEMS AND CLARIFIED SOME ISSUES STILL HANDING FIRE. RICHMOND AND EMBASSY AGREED ON MINOR CHANGES IN 1977/78 DRAFT PROGRAM AND MORE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATIONS IN IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS (REVISION WILL BE POUCHED ASAP). ALTHOUGH GOR DRAFT IS STILL NOT READY, MFA'S TRANCA SAYS THERE ARE NO SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEIR VERSION AND OURS, SO WE ANTICIPATE NO INSUPERABLE PROBLEMS DURING NEGOTIATIONS. RICHMOND AND EMBASSY AGREED DEPT. REPS FOR NEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 24 WOULD BE SAM WISE AND INT SILINS IF DEPT. CONCURS.

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA, MINED, MINAG AND NCST OFFICIALS, RICHMOND AND EMBASSY STRESSED HOPE THAT 1977/78 PROGRAM WOULD GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO AGRICULTURE, MANAGEMENT, ECONOMICS AND ENERGY RESOURCES AND NOTED THAT SHORT-TERM RESEARCH NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED IN SEPTEMBER WERE ALREADY STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION.

3. CITING DIFFICULTY CIES HAS HAD PLACING EIGHT LECTURERS
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EACH YEAR IN ROMANIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, RICHMOND SUGGESTED MINED CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF NOMINATING SOME ROMANIAN LECTURERS IN OTHER FIELDS OR SUBBING FULL-TERM RESEARCH CANDIDATES FOR LECTURERS.

4. AS THEY DID DURING LOVECKY/WILBURN VISIT LAST MONTH,

MINAG OFFICIALS URGED RICHMOND AND CAO TO ACCEPT ALL SEVEN SHORT-TERM AGRICULTURE CANDIDATES IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. WE POINTED OUT THAT ON BASIS OF FIRST TEST MOST NOMINEES UNLIKELY TO PASS RE-EXAM IN ENGLISH, BUT ASSURED MINAG OFFICIALS WE WOULD PLACE AT LEAST ONE OR TWO CANDIDATES IN FEBRUARY AND REST COULD BE RE-NOMINATED FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1977/78. DURING SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH CAO, OLTEANU APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION AND REQUESTED PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO THREE OF THE CANDIDATES (SEPTEL).

5. CALL BY RICHMOND AND AMB. BARNES ON RECTOR RAUTU OF STEFAN GHEORGHE ACADEMY PRODUCED CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO HAVE ACADEMY FACULTY MEMBERS VISIT U.S. FOR PERIODS OF THREE WEEKS TO TWO MONTHS AND FOR "OUTSTANDING" AMERICAN EXPERTS TO VISIT ACADEMY FOR 7-10 DAYS OF LECTURES AND DISCUSSION. RAUTU GAVE PRIORITY TO FIELDS OF CYBERNETICS AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT, AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETING. (RICHMOND SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED WITH VISITING AMSPEC PAUL UNDERWOOD POSSIBILITY OF CU-FUNDED EXCHANGE OF JOURNALISTS BETWEEN OHIO STATE AND STEFAN GHEORGHE). INTRIGUING SIDELIGHT DURING CALL AT ACADEMY WAS RAUTU'S REVELATION THAT GOR IS CIRCULATING PROPOSAL FOR FORMAL COORDINATION OF ALL ROMANIAN EXCHANGE ACTIVITY - A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT EMBASSY HAS BEEN URGING FOR SOME TIME.

6. RICHMOND AND EMBASSY RESOLVED MOST OF OUR DIFFERENCES OVER 1977 BUDGET ALLOCATION, PARTICULARLY PROBLEM OF 10-15 SHORT-TERMS RESEARCH GRANTS, AND AGREED FINAL DECISIONS DEPEND ON NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS GOR SUBMITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR 1977/78 ACADEMIC YEAR.
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